HOW CAN THE CSU HELP?

The CSU offers children and families quick and effective assistance when faced with challenges. CSU members can help resolve these challenges by offering information about available resources, by providing referrals to community based services and by scheduling staffings.

WHAT IS A STAFFING?

A staffing is a meeting to address specific concerns about a child. It can be requested by anyone interested in a child's welfare, such as parents, other family members, friends or school personnel. Staffings can be used to help a child avoid or decrease court involvement, to help families find and set up services, to avert a dependency filing or to deal with recurring issues such as probation violations.

To schedule a staffing, please contact a Court Conciliator at the closest facility: DUR 602-372-8063, 602-506-4058 or SEF 602-506-4055

Maricopa County Juvenile Court Locations:

Durango (DUR)

Juvenile Court Center 3131 W. Durango St. Phoenix, AZ 85009 (602) 506-4308

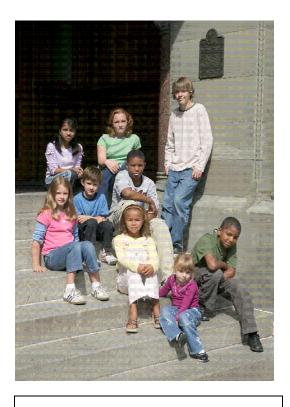
Southeast (SEF)

Juvenile Court Center 1810 S. Lewis Mesa, AZ 85210 (602) 506-5318





Community Services Unit



The Juvenile Court envisions a community free from crime, where every child is empowered to reach his or her full potential with the loving support of a functional, safe and permanent family.

What is the CSU?

The Community Services Unit (CSU) is housed at both locations of the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. The services are free and available to anyone.

You do not have to be involved in a juvenile court matter to use the services of the CSU.

CSU members provide information and referrals for services to children and families. This includes guardianship, emancipation, dependency, child safety, behavioral issues and mental health services. The CSU will also meet with a family to discuss options and help resolve conflicts.

CSU members can also answer questions about the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

CSU members cannot give legal advice, prepare legal documents, challenge court rulings or take sides in a conflict.

CSU MEMBERS' CONTACT INFORMATION:

COURT GUIDES:

Guardianships and Emancipations DUR: 602-506-5903, SEF: 602-506-4886

COURT CONCILIATORS:

Staffings, crisis intervention, behavior problems *DUR: 602-372-8063, 602-506-4058 SEF: 602-506-4055*

CPS LIAISONS:

Child safety, child abuse and/or neglect issues *DUR: 602-372-8064, SEF: 602-506-2211*

MENTAL HEALTH LIAISONS:

Mental and/or behavioral health issues DUR: 602-372-3121, SEF: 602-690-9855

FINS:

Crisis intervention, truancy, runaway, behavioral problems DUR and SEF: 602-506-5913

Juvenile Legal Assistance Program (JLAP)

A JLAP volunteer attorney and law student can assist with preparing and checking forms, reviewing legal requirements and explaining procedures; the volunteer attorney and law student may provide legal advice, but can not assist in court and cannot represent you. There will not be a confidential attorney-client relationship with the volunteer lawyer and/or law student. THIS SERVICE IS FREE. CSU members can make a referral to JLAP.

To request more information or ask for a referral, please contact the Juvenile Court facility closest to you:

3131 W. Durango St., Phoenix 85009, 602-506-4533 1810 S. Lewis, Mesa 85210, 602-506-2544

What do CSU members do?

Court Guides:

Assist with forms and answer questions regarding Title 14 guardianships, emancipations and dependencies.

Court Conciliators:

Schedule staffings to help families find options for services. Provide crisis intervention for children and families. Provide information about internal and community resources.

Child Protective Services (CPS)
Liaisons: Identify services available through CPS and the Department of Economic Security to meet a variety of needs; answer questions regarding the safety and well-being of children.

Mental Health Liaisons:

Answer questions about mental and behavioral health issues and identify available services for eligible individuals.

Families In Need of Services (FINS):

Provide crisis intervention for children and families, help with issues such as truancy, runaways, and behavioral problems. Identify resources for youth who have not been cited by the police and answer questions about the juvenile probation system.